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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

**Re: D.T.E. 01-31 (Phase II) – Request for Extension of Time for Filing
Reply Comments**

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

Verizon MA hereby requests that the Department extend the date for submission of its Reply Comments in the above-referenced matter. Under the present schedule, Verizon MA is required to file reply comments on Thursday, July 11, 2002. Because of the intervening holiday weekend, vacation schedules, and the scope of the comments that were received, Verizon MA requires a modest extension in the filing date to Tuesday, July 16, 2002. Verizon MA has conferred with each of the parties that have filed initial comments, the Attorney General, AT&T, WorldCom and the New England Public Communications Council, Inc., and none objects to this request.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Robert N. Werlin

cc: Paula Foley, Esq., Hearing Officer
Michael Isenberg, Esq., Director – Telecommunications Division
Attached Service List